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Forming the Priorities: Input First



Listening
Tour



Educator
Survey



Public Input

Feedback



500+

CLASSROOM
VISITS



70+

DISTRICT
MEETINGS



35,000+

SURVEY
COMMENTS



We Are Listening

Reflections from the [Educator Survey and Focus Groups](#)

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REFLECTIONS

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When we talk to **students**, their favorite thing about school is the **teachers** who see their potential.

When we visit schools, principals want us to observe their strongest **teachers'** classrooms, and see how their **students** are achieving.

When we talk to families, they tell us about the **teacher** who intervened in their **child's** life.

Vision

We will set all students on a path to success.

**IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL, THEN
TENNESSEE WILL SEE A SUBSTANTIAL
INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF
STUDENTS ON-TRACK TO MEETING
POSTSECONDARY GOALS TWO YEARS
AFTER GRADUATION**

- Two-year college persistence
- TCAT certificate
- Military enlistment
- Or similar paths





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ACADEMICS

ALL TENNESSEE STUDENTS WILL HAVE
ACCESS TO A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION,
NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE

WHOLE CHILD

TENNESSEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE
EQUIPPED TO SERVE THE ACADEMIC
AND NON-ACADEMIC NEEDS OF ALL
STUDENTS

EDUCATORS

TENNESSEE WILL SET A NEW PATH FOR
THE EDUCATION PROFESSION AND BE THE
TOP STATE TO BECOME AND REMAIN A
TEACHER AND LEADER

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Early Literacy Supports

Early literacy supports will focus on rapidly increasing the percent of students who are able to read proficiently at grade level, which opens significantly more opportunity for them later in life.

This includes support to:

- Evidence-based content & instruction
- Select implementation support
- Purchase, use, and report on a shared diagnostic
- Family reading guides
- And so much more



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High-Quality Instructional Materials

After the teacher in the classroom, the instructional materials a teacher uses become the next most impactful part of a child's education.

State-level support will include:

- Regional trainings and workshops on high-quality materials selection processes
- Support implementation of high-quality materials
- Online portal to connect TN standards, assessment items, and high-quality materials lessons

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Innovative Assessments

Build free, curriculum-aligned interim and formative assessments for districts to use.

Free state resources will include:

- Curriculum-aligned assessments
- Educator, school leader, and district friendly options
- Locally grown state-assisted assessments
- Comprehensive suite of data analytics



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Career Exploration

All students must be prepared to successfully and seamlessly transition into postsecondary training or the workforce after high school graduation.

State supports will include:

- Empower districts to reimagine the school experience
- Research national career programs
- Expand opportunities to every student
- Professional development on coaching and counseling students based on career interest and capacity



Strategic Priority 2: Whole Child

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Supports

Supporting the whole child begins with eliminating barriers to health, well-being and learning.

The state will:

- Conduct a needs assessment on what resources and supports will be most helpful
- Create tools that match schools and districts with local supports and work closely with other agencies and partners to expedite services
- Identify opportunities to increase in-school resources for whole child needs



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Citizenship and Civics Education

A solid understanding of citizenship and civics will help to prepare students to make lifelong contributions to our state.

Content will include:

- Tennessee-specific programs
- Personal characteristics
- Financial literacy
- Citizenship and civics

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Exceptionalities

Create a statewide network that effectively supports students with disabilities.

The state will develop:

- Tools for families and educators to help identify and navigate resources
- Regional hubs with the expertise in special education that districts need
- Stronger regional engagement opportunities so that stakeholders feel connected



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Grow Your Own

Break down the barriers to a high-quality, world-class teacher in every classroom.

The state will collaborate and develop:

- Advanced courses for teaching as a profession
- Innovative residencies for future teachers
- Teacher fellowship opportunities
- Expand “Grow Your Own” opportunities for prospective educators



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EPP/LPP Innovation

Support a shift from theory-based to practice-based preparation programs for educators and education leaders

This will include:

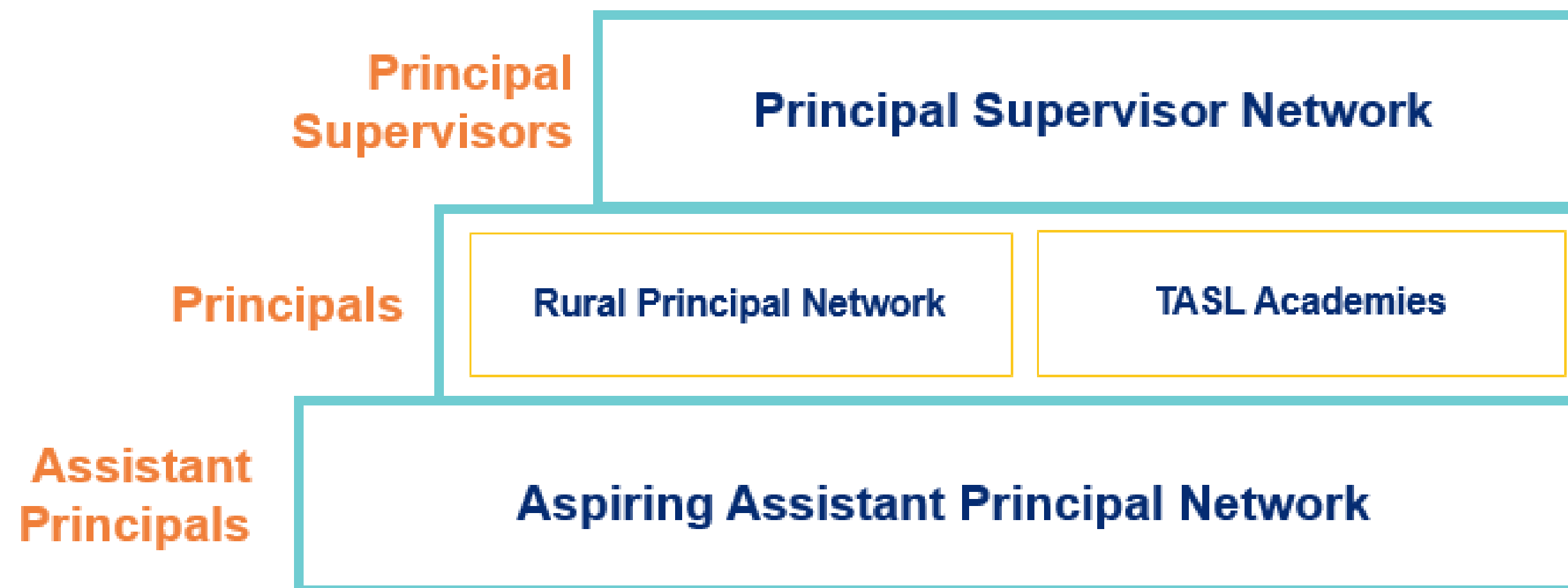
- Educator Preparation Innovation
- Leader Preparation Innovation
- High-quality field experiences

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School Leader Support

Establish working groups for school leaders to help design and implement a clear, coherent strategy for school leader development



Tennessee's Education Foundations

Assessment

Maintaining high academic standards, annual assessments, and strong accountability.

Build on the strong 2019 spring and fall testing windows.

The state will collaborate and develop:

- Launch two new educator portals for student scores
- Return to online testing for high school next year
- Provide new formative assessment tools:
 - Full-length practice exams
 - Suite of TCAP Assessment Questions

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Tennessee Education Report Card shows how the state is meeting academic standards through these indicators:

- Academic Achievement
- Student Academic Growth
- Chronically Out of School
- Progress on English Language Proficiency
- Ready Graduate
- Graduation Rate

A-F grading scale coming soon to public schools statewide.

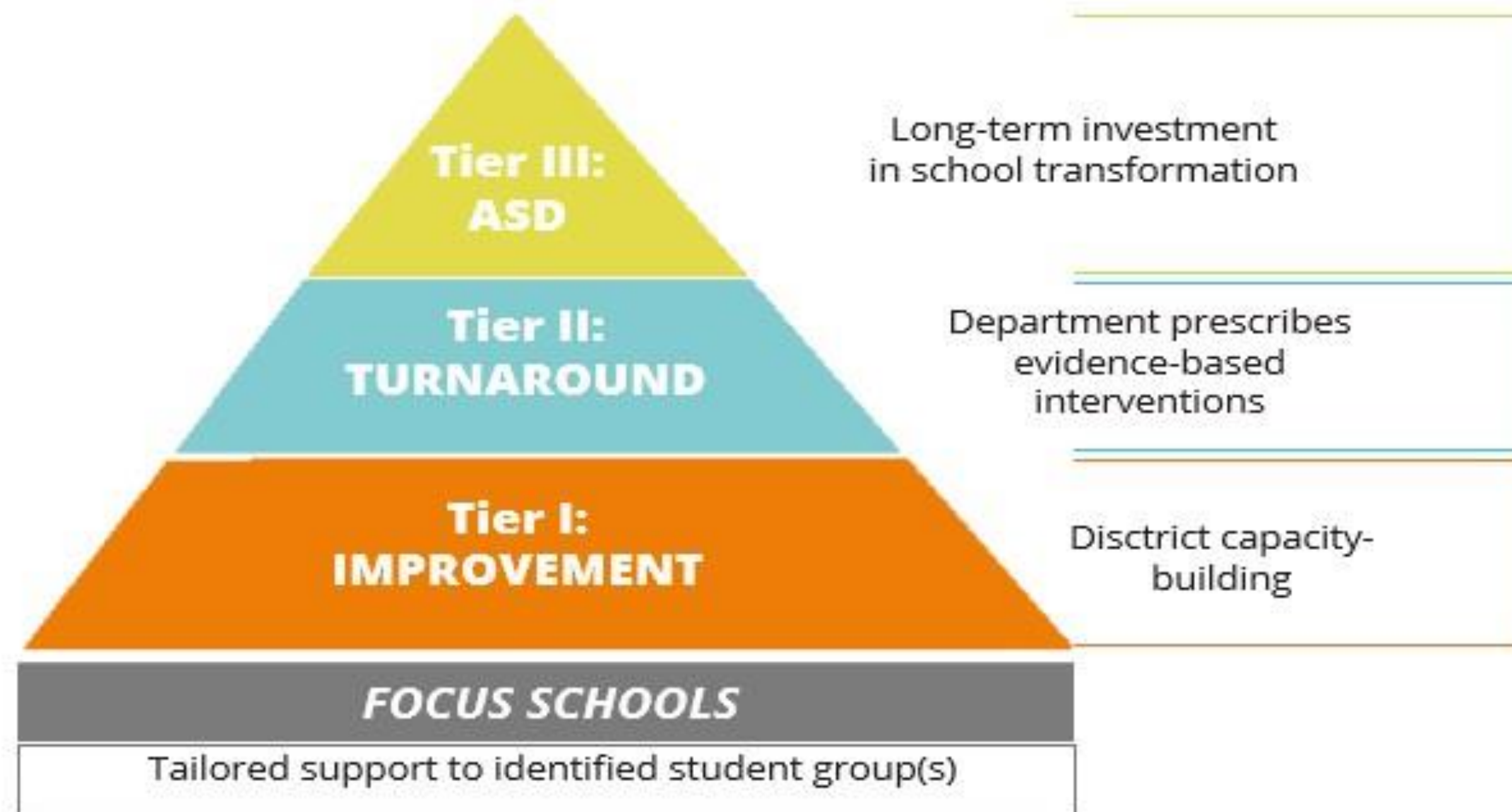


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School Turnaround

Empowering families with access to and choice for enrolling in high-quality schools.

Framework for how the state provides turnaround supports:



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School Choice

Empowering families with access to and choice for enrolling in high-quality schools.

The state will employ a comprehensive set of strategies across district, charter, and private school sectors, which will include:

- Tennessee Charter School Commission
- Targeted grant funding & technical assistance
- Education Savings Accounts
- Individualized Education Accounts

Theory of Action

The Department will create a meaningful and lasting change for students in Tennessee through:



Foundations

Build upon the commitment to standards, assessment, evaluation, and turnaround.

Supports

Provide whole child supports for schools, teachers, and families.

Capacity

Build district capacity and consider the needs and realities of each district in our work.

Access

Focus on rigorous academic expectations for all children.

Pipeline

Build and maintain a strong educator pipeline and retention strategy.

Engage

Authentically engage with stakeholders to measure what is and isn't working, and provide choices for families.

New Resource: Best for All website

Go to: bestforall.tnedu.gov



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